GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR TRAFFIC JAM AT MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai airport is facing Air Traffic Jam Problem leading to delay of flights;

(b) if so, the details of flights delayed during the last three months;

(c) the reasons for non availability of runways; and

(d) the measures to tackle the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

a) Yes, Sir, there have been delays during the peak hours.
b) A total of 1132 flights during August 2002, 873 flights during September 2002 and 1433 flights during October, 2002 were delayed.
c) Runways are not available due to bunching of flights and maintenance of runway for certain time daily.
d) The position would ease once the work on runways is completed in November, 2002 itself. Further, the Airports Authority of India has plans to construct a parallel taxi track connecting runway 32 with main runway near intersection.